

Notice of Allowability

Application No. 09/935,055	Applicant(s) SHOEMAKER, STEPHEN P.	
Examiner Kumiko C. Koyama	Art Unit 2876	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- 1. This communication is responsive to 28 July 2003.
- 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-8, 10 and 11.
- 3. The drawings filed on 24 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
- 4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 - 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.
- 5. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 6. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

- 7. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
- 8. CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

- 9. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- 1 Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2 Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 4 Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. 1023.
- 5 Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____.
- 6 Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 7 Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- 8 Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9 Other

DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgement has been made of receipt of Amendment filed on July 28, 2003

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Michael Moffatt on October 23, 2003.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled.

Claim 9 has been cancelled.

Re claim 10: Claim 10 has been substituted with the following:

- 10. (Amended) A method for printing a patter on a ticket comprising:
obtaining a plurality of translucent tickets;
feeding the plurality of translucent tickets into a ticket printing machine;
printing an opaque pattern on one side of each individual translucent ticket, such that
there is an alternating pattern of translucent and opaque portions; and
covering the opaque pattern with a dark colored non-opaque ink;

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wherein printing the opaque pattern is printed on both sides of each individual translucent ticket and the opaque patterns on both sides of each individual ticket are covered with the dark colored non-opaque ink. --

Re claim 11: Claim 11 has been substituted with the following:

-- 11. (Amended) A method for printing a pattern on a ticket comprising;
obtaining a plurality of translucent tickets;
feeding the plurality of translucent tickets into a ticket printing machine;
printing an opaque pattern on one side of each individual translucent tickets, such that
there is an alternating pattern of translucent and opaque portions; and
covering the opaque pattern with a dark colored non-opaque ink;

wherein the opaque pattern is printed on one side of each individual translucent ticket and both sides of each individual ticket are covered with the dark colored non-opaque ink. --

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 3-8, 10 and 11 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reasons for allowance of the claims are the persuasive arguments regarding the rejections, the amendment overcoming the prior art and nonobvious combining of the prior art. Applicant's arguments on Page 4 filed on November 4, 2002, states that Pierce reference does not read on the claims because it does not disclose a device counting tickets and the amendment filed on July 28, 2003 further amends the claim to overcome the prior art. The

Applicant also submitted an persuasive argument regarding the combined rejections in third and fifth paragraphs of Page 5 of the Amendment filed on July 28, 2003.

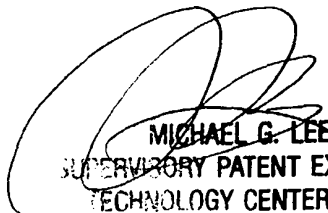
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kumiko C. Koyama whose telephone number is 703-305-5425. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7am-3:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on 703-305-3503. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.


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October 23, 2003


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